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SUBJ: CHARGES OF USG COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI RAIDS ON
LEBANON

1. SECRETARY CALLED IN ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION WASHINGTON AFTERNOON APRIL 12 TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN OVER CHARGES OF AMERICAN COMPLICITY IN APRIL 9 ISRAELI RAIDS WHICH ARE BEING BROADCAST IN ARAB WORLD. FOLLOWING ARAB REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT: ALGERIAN INTERESTS SECTION CHIEF BOUSSELHAM; EGYPTIAN INTERESTS SECTION CHIEF KHALIL; IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION CHIEF MANSOOR; JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUFTI; KUWAITI AMBASSADOR AL- SABAH; LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KABBANI; LIBYAN CHARGE BEN MUSA; MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR ABDALLAH; MOROCCAN CHARGE BELKORA; QATARI AMBASSADOR AL- MANA; SAUDI CHARGE MADANI; SUDANESE CHARGE DAWOOD; AND TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR EL GOULLI. SECRETARY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ASST. SECY. SISCO, BLAKE (AF/ N) AND KORN (NEA/ ARN).

2. SECRETARY GREETED ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION AND SAID HE APPRECIATED THEIR COMING IN. HE HAD ASKED THEM TO DO SO IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR HOW SERIOUSLY WE CONSIDER MATTER OF FALSE CHARGES WHICH HAVE BEEN LEVELLED AT US OF COMPLICITY IN APRIL 9 ISRAELI RAIDS. SECRETARY THEN READ FROM FOLLOWING PREPARED TEXT: QUOTE:

AS YOUR EXCELLENCIES ARE AWARE, THERE IS A WIDESPREAD REPORT IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, AND SPECIFICALLY THE CIA, WERE IN COLLUSION WITH ISRAEL IN ITS RECENT RAID IN LEBANON AND THAT THE EMBASSY IS HARBORING PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THAT RAID. (SECRETARY THEN INTERJECTED THAT HE WANTED TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THIS IS A TOTAL LIE; HE COULD NOT EMPHASIZE THIS TOO MUCH. THE U. S. WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE ISRAELI RAIDS IN ANY WAY.)

UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, DESPITE THE CATEGORICAL DENIALS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, THESE CHARGES CONTINUE TO BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BOTH OVER THE RADIO AND IN THE PRESS. THE FALSEHOODS APPARENTLY WERE FIRST BROADCAST OVER CLANDESTINE PALESTINIAN RADIO TRANSMITTERS, BUT WE NOW FIND THAT IN MANY COUNTRIES THE REGULAR STATE RADIOS HAVE
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BEGUN TO REPORT THEM. IN SOME CASES THEY HAVE BEEN INTER-

LACED WITH PARTICULARLY NASTY INCITATIONS TO VIOLENCE
AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS.

I HAVE ASKED YOUR EXCELLENCIES TO COME HERE TODAY SO THAT
I MAY CONVEY TO YOU PERSONALLY THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE
UNITED STATES OVER THESE FALSE AND SCURRILOUS CHARGES,
WHICH ARE BEING MADE IN THE EXPRESS AIM OF INFLAMING ARAB
OPINION, AND OVER THE FACT THAT THEY ARE BEING BROADCAST
HOURLY FROM RADIO STATIONS WHICH OPERATE FROM THE TERRI-
TORY OF MANY OF THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE, AND IN
SOME CASES REPORTED BY YOUR OFFICIAL STATE RADIOS. THE
INCITATION TO MURDER OR ATTACK ON AMERICAN CITIZENS OR
PROPERTY, WHICH IN A FEW PARTICULARLY OUTRAGEOUS CASES
HAS BEEN STATED EXPLICITLY BUT IS IMPLIED IN MOST OF THESE
STORIES, IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS AND WE BELIEVE
IRRESPONSIBLE.

JUST IMAGINE HOW YOU GENTLEMEN WOULD FEEL IF RADIO
STATIONS AND NEWSPAPERS IN THE U. S. WERE TO BEGIN INCITING
TO VIOLEN
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